

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) An aqueous colloidal gold solution comprising an aqueous medium and
  - (a) gold particles in colloidal form,
  - (b) a compound having a polar tertiary amino group conjugated via a hydrophobic aromatic residue with a weaker alkaline group which can also be a part of the aromatic residue, and
  - (c) a stabilizer comprising a mercapto group (-SH) and an acidic group,  
wherein said solution has a gold content of 8 to 10% by weight.
2. (Original) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to claim 1, wherein the colloidal gold particles have an average diameter of 1 to 20 nm.
3. (Original) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the aromatic residue of the compound (b) is a N-heteroaromatic residue with the nitrogen atom as weaker alkaline group.
4. (Original) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to claim 3, wherein the

heteroaromatic residue is a pyridine residue.

5. (Previously Presented) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to claim 4, wherein the compound (b) is 4-dimethylamino-pyridine (DMAP).
6. (Previously Presented) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to claim 1, wherein the stabilizer (c) comprises a sulfonic acid group (-SO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>).
7. (Original) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to claim 6, wherein the stabilizer (c) is a mercapto- (C<sub>1-5</sub>) – alkylsulfonic acid salt.
8. (Original) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to claim 7, wherein the stabilizer (c) is a 2-mercptoethane sulfonic acid salt.
9. (Previously Presented) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to claim 1, comprising furthermore, as evaporation blocker,
  - (d) a polar organic compound with a vicinal dihydroxy group or an oligomer thereof.
10. (Original) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to claim 9, wherein the compound (d) is ethylene glycol.
11. (Previously Presented) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to claim 1,

having the following composition:

- (a) 6 to 10 % by weight of the gold nanoparticles,
- (b) 0.1 to 3 % by weight of the compound having a tertiary amino group,
- (c) 0.2 to 0.6 % by weight of the stabilizer, and optionally
- (d) 1 to 8 % by weight of the evaporation blocker, each based on the total weight of the aqueous

12. (Previously Presented) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to claim 1, having a pH of 8 to 11.
13. (Previously Presented) Ink or printer cartridges containing the aqueous colloidal gold solution of claim 1.
14. (Original) Printer cartridge according to claim 13, which is an ink jet printer cartridge.
15. (Canceled)
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17. (Canceled)
18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to claim 6, comprising furthermore, as evaporation blocker,

(e) a polar organic compound with a vicinal dihydroxy group or an oligomer thereof.

20. (Previously Presented) Ink or printer cartridges containing the aqueous colloidal gold solution of claim 6.

21. (Previously Presented) Ink or printer cartridges containing the aqueous colloidal gold solution of claim 11.